(6) Government have in information.

(7) No answer is necessary in view of the answer to 6.

Statement of work, etc., of the Archaeologists.

226. Mr. K. J. Antony.—A. Will the Government be pleased to place on the Table a comparative statement of the following items regarding each of the above officers for each year :—

(1) the total number of days spent in camp;

(2) the number of places and historical sites visited;

(3) the amount of T. A. incurred, with the average per month incurred by each;

(4) the amount of touring charges incurred by each officer;

(5) the cost of equipment per officer per year;

(6) the establishment charges of each;

(7) the number of lithic documents, inscriptions and copper plates examined;

(8) number of times expenditure was incurred by each without previous Government sanction;

(9) the amounts so spent on each occasion;

B. Has the present officer copied or re-copied any inscription and himself deciphered any of the inscriptions copied so far according to his annual reports;

C. Will the Government be pleased to state whether the results achieved are commensurate with the heavy additional expenditure involved?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—A. (1) to (9). Vide statement appended. (*Vide Appendix IV.*)

B. Yes.

C. Yes. Government think so.

Official etiquette and Archaeologists.

227. Mr. K. J. Antony.—Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(1) whether they or any Heads of Departments had any occasion to find fault with the general official etiquette or official irregularities of any of these officers;

(2) if so, a statement may be tabled with the necessary explanatory circumstances and action, if any, taken on the matter?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—(1) and (2). Government do not think that any public purpose is served by answering the questions.

Tenure of office.

228. Mr. K. J. Antony.—Will the Government be pleased to state when is the period of the present Archaeologist's appointment to end?

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